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1912 Dates J-BK

Parthia lost the northern part  
of Assyria to Rome during the  
reign of King VOLOGESES IV

31 Dec 192

Commodus was strangled  
at Rome in the VECTILIAN VILLA  
Buried in mausoleum of Hadrian

Last day of 192

Last day 7 AD 192 - death  
of Commodus

31 Dec 192

No-one was sure & those closest to the emperor decided to save their own lives by acting first. The key figures were ECLECTUS who had succeeded Cleander as imperial Chamberlain, Quintus Aemilius Laetus, commander of the Praetorian Guard, and Mucia, the emperor's favorite concubine. During evening of 31 Dec Mucia secretly gave Commodus poison. He was spending the night at the VECTILIAN VILLA.

(a school of gladiators near the Colosseum), ready for his first appearance next day. Feeling drowsy, Commodus went to his bedroom to lie down. The assassins waited for Commodus to die, but instead got violently sick & vomited up the poison. Fearful that he would recover, they sent in a young athlete called NARCISSUS to furnish the job by strangulation. Body was handed over to FABIUS CYLO, consul-elect that Commodus had planned to murder. He buried the body. Pertinax later put them in Mausoleum of Hadrian. Septimius Severus had him deified 4 yrs later.

31 Dec 192

The hated Commodus was dead.  
LAETUS & ECLECTUS wrapped the emperor's body in bed-clothes & two of their trusted slaves carried it out of the VECTILIAN VILLA as laundry, straight past the unsuspecting imperial guards. LAETUS & ECLECTUS then made their way through the streets of Rome to the residence of POPILIUS HELVIUS FERTINAX. The midnight knock on the door caused great alarm on

The household Lactus & Eclectus succeeded in convincing Pertinax that Commodus was dead. They offered him imperial power. The Praetorian Guard was won over by the offer of 12,000 sestertii each. Escorted by soldiers & people Pertinax then made his way through the dark streets to a meeting of the senate. They were congratulating Commodus. Pertinax was enthroned in the imperial power by receiving the title Augustus, along with all the customary honors.

31 Dec, 192

Murder of Commodore  
Accession of PERTINAX

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Ruled 86 days

MARCH 28, 193, the Praetorian guards  
struck him down